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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 68—Relative to the late United States Senator Alan MacGregor Cranston.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 68, as introduced, Vasconcellos. United States Senator Alan Cranston.

This measure would memorialize the late United States Senator Alan MacGregor Cranston for his illustrious record of personal, professional, public, and civic achievement, and would also express the Legislature’s deepest sympathy to his bereaved family and friends.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, On New Year’s Eve, 2000, California lost one of
- 2 its most renowned and popular public officials ever to serve our
- 3 people, Alan MacGregor Cranston, a former United States Senator
- 4 and California state Controller, whose good deeds for the State of
- 5 California, our nation, and the entire world, earned him the
- 6 admiration and appreciation of his colleagues and the countless
- 7 individuals whose lives he positively touched; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Alan Cranston will long be remembered as one of
- 9 the 20th century’s most outstanding public servants by reason of



1 his exceptional 24-year tenure as a United States Senator for the
2 State of California from 1969 to 1993, during which time he was
3 seven times elected as the Democratic Whip by his peers; and

4 WHEREAS, Alan Cranston distinguished himself especially by
5 his singular leadership role in advancing nuclear disarmament,
6 world peace, civil liberties, environmental conservation, veterans
7 affairs, medical services, research on aging, and the equality of
8 opportunity for the entire nation; and

9 WHEREAS, Alan Cranston's remarkable lifelong efforts to
10 achieve nuclear disarmament will long remain a significant
11 demonstration of his unflinching dedication toward the attainment
12 and preservation of international peace; and

13 WHEREAS, Alan Cranston's distinction as a champion of
14 environmental conservation and wildlife protection was
15 demonstrated by his vision and authorship of the federal California
16 Desert Protection Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-433), that
17 preserved 1.8 million acres of pristine California wilderness as
18 well as his integral role in the expansion of the California
19 Redwoods National Park, the expansion of the Point Reyes
20 National Seashore, the establishment of the Golden Gate National
21 Recreation Area, and the passage of the federal California
22 Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-425); and

23 WHEREAS, Alan Cranston's memorable journalistic career
24 prior to public service was highlighted by his direct and symbolic
25 confrontation of despotic practices through a bold and defiant
26 criticism of Adolph Hitler's book, 'Mein Kampf'; and

27 WHEREAS, Alan Cranston was the founder and first president
28 of the California Democratic Council in the 1950's and 1960's and
29 thereby became an inspiration to political activists for his vision,
30 commitment, industriousness, strategic sense, ingenuity, and
31 assertiveness; and

32 WHEREAS, The legislative accomplishments of Alan
33 Cranston will continue to play an important part in California's
34 progress in the years ahead; and

35 WHEREAS, Alan Cranston secured the respect of his
36 colleagues by his determined, unselfish, and enduring
37 commitment to public service and our public good; now, therefore,
38 be it

39 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
40 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature express it's deepest regret*



1 at the passing of a colleague and friend, Alan MacGregor
2 Cranston, and by this resolution, memorialize Alan MacGregor
3 Cranston for his illustrious record of personal, professional,
4 public, and civic achievements, and convey it's deepest sympathy
5 to his bereaved family and friends, especially his sister Eleanor
6 Fowle Cameron and his son Kim Cranston; and be it further
7 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
8 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

